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Richard A. Leins
Ossining Water Department
16 Croton Avenue
Ossining, New York 10562

RE: Safe Drinking Water Act Information (Docket No. SDWA-PWS-IR-14-003)
Ossining Water Department (PWS ID: NY5903451)

Dear Mr. Leins:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 2, is responsible for assuring that Public Water Systems (PWSs) in New York State deliver safe drinking water under the authority of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). Section 1445(a)(1)(B) of the SDWA, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §300j-4(a)(1)(B), and 40 C.F.R. Part 141 Subpart D provide the EPA with the authority to require the submittal of information necessary to verify compliance with federal drinking water standards.

On January 5, 2006, EPA promulgated the Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT2) (see 40 C.F.R. Part 141, Subpart W). The LT2 supplements existing microbial treatment and further protects public health from illness due to *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial pathogens in drinking water through risk-targeted treatment requirements based on the results of source water monitoring. The LT2 requires all PWSs that use an unfiltered surface water source provide treatment for *Cryptosporidium*. Based on the information provided to us by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), the Ossining Water Department receives unfiltered water from New York City's Croton Water System. The degree of required treatment depends on the level of *Cryptosporidium* in the source water, as determined through the required monitoring; however the rule requires a minimum of 2-log inactivation/removal for all unfiltered systems. Further, unfiltered PWSs must meet overall treatment requirements using at least two disinfectants and must continue to meet all applicable filtration avoidance criteria.

Under the authority of Section 1445(a)(1)(B) of the SDWA, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §300j-4 (a)(1)(B), the EPA hereby requests that Ossining Water Department respond within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter with documentation and certification demonstrating the system's compliance status with the LT2 secondary disinfection requirement by the October 1, 2013 deadline for Schedule 3 systems.

Please submit this information to:

Nicole Foley Kraft, Chief
Ground Water Compliance Section
US Environmental Protection Agency - Region 2
290 Broadway, 20th Floor
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Please be advised that, under Section 1445(c) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. §300j-4(c), and 40 C.F.R. §19.4, Table 1, failure to provide information required by this letter may result in a civil penalty of up to \$37,500. In addition, under SDWA Section 1414(g), 42 U.S.C. §300g-3(g), failure to provide the information required by this letter may result in an order requiring compliance. Violation of such an order may lead to sanctions under SDWA Section 1414, 42 U.S.C. §300g-3, and 40 C.F.R. §19.4, Table 1, which include penalties of up to \$32,500 per day of violation. The information provided in response to this letter may be used by the United States in administrative, civil or criminal proceedings.

You may, if you so desire, assert a confidential business information (CBI) claim covering any or all of the information furnished to EPA in response to this letter. Every CBI claim must be made in a manner described in 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B, and must be fully substantiated with documentary evidence which shows how the claim meets each and every criterion listed in 40 C.F.R. §§2.208 and 2.304. If no CBI claim accompanies your information when it is received by EPA, it may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to you.

This request for information is not subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act because it is not an "information collection request" within the meaning of 44 U.S.C. §§3502(4) & (11), 3507, 3512, and 3518. Furthermore, it is exempt from OMB review under the Paperwork Reduction Act because it is directed to fewer than ten persons. 44 U.S.C. §§3502(4), (11); 5 C.F.R. §1320.5(a).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me at (212) 637-4244 or Nicole Foley Kraft of my staff at (212) 637-3093.

Sincerely,



Douglas McKenna, Chief
Water Compliance Branch

cc: Frederick J. Morrissey, Westchester County Department of Health
Roger C. Sokol, NYSDOH